



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

SUBJECT: SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

DATE: 06-01-05

Approved

/s/

Date

06/02/05

The purpose of this Manager's Budget Addendum is to provide information regarding the Senior Nutrition Programs within the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services.

BACKGROUND

The Santa Clara County Department of Aging and Adult Services contracts with municipalities, agencies and other community based organizations to provide over 30 senior nutrition meal programs throughout Santa Clara County. The attached list includes those meal sites that are contracted with the City, those that are contracted with other agencies but housed in City facilities as well as non-City meal programs.

The City of San José, Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, has been providing hot, nutritious meals to the City's older adults for over 30 years. Currently the program serves over 900 meals per day, or over 239,000 meals annually, at 13 sites throughout the city.

The City's nutrition program began in the mid - 1970's as a partnership between the City and the County of Santa Clara. The County receives Federal funding through the Congressional Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide nutrition programs for senior citizens. Initially, the County funded the City to operate six nutrition sites as listed below.

Table 1: County supported Senior Nutrition Sites with PRNS

Council District	Site
2	Southside Community and Senior Center
3	St James Senior Center
5	Hank Lopez Community Center
6	Willows Senior Center
7	Alma Community Center
7	Iola Williams Senior Program at Shirakawa Community Center

The County funds paid for staffing, raw food costs, and non-personal supplies. The City provided matching funds from the General Fund of up to \$161,000 for the operation of these sites. The County retained all USDA meal reimbursements (approximately 55 cents per meal) and all participant donations for these meal programs (current suggested donation is \$2.00 per meal). Staff at these sites were hired as contract employees paid at County specified salaries (approximately \$8.67 per hour for a Kitchen Aide) with a Kaiser health plan.

In 1990, the City had the opportunity to open two additional meal programs located at Berryessa Community Center and Evergreen Community Center. These new sites were funded by the County under a new model that required a 50/50 funding arrangement between the City and County. These sites operated in the same manner as the original nutrition sites, however the City received 50% of the participant donations from these meal sites.

Today, the County supported Senior Nutrition program sites constitute 74% of the overall program.

ANALYSIS

Throughout the 1990's, the Office on Aging continued to seek funding with the County to have nutrition sites opened in the remaining Council Districts (1, 9 and 10). Unfortunately, the County did not have funds to open any additional sites.

The Office on Aging found a new funding opportunity in 2000-01 with the advent of the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF). The Office on Aging applied for and received HNVF funding in 2001 to further expand the Nutrition Program. The \$1.2 million dollar grant award was used by the City to establish hot meal programs at the following sites.

Table 2: HNVF supported Senior Nutrition Sites with PRNS

Council District	Site
1	Cypress Senior Center (SNI Winchester)
3	Gardner Community Center (SNI Gardner)
3	St James Senior Center – Saturday Meal Program
4	Alviso Community Center
9	Kirk Community Center
10	Almaden Community Center

The HNVF supported Senior Nutrition program sites constitute 26% of the overall program.

The HNVF grant also allowed the City of San José to convert their nutrition employees from contract to civil service employees, thus receiving competitive market wages and benefits. Previously, the contracted nutrition employee's salaries had been paid 100% by the County of Santa Clara and included only minimal benefits. This led to unsatisfied employees, high staff turnover rate, and candidates with few qualifications. The grant enabled the City to convert 32 Nutrition employees to civil service positions and to pick up the additional cost of their salaries/benefits. As a result, the conversion brought staff up to parity with other cities, ensured staff retention and increased the quality of subsequent candidates.

The County funding for Senior Nutrition is not in jeopardy and those sites will continue current operations well into the foreseeable future. However, HNVF funding has become constrained in recent times and those funds may be in jeopardy.

CONCLUSION

The City's Senior Nutrition Program continues to be a critical core service provided by PRNS. While the County supported sites will not be reduced, it is possible that the HNVF supported sites may be in the future. Staff will continue to work with the County when additional funds may become available for Senior Nutrition Sites, but until that time selected sites are dependant upon HNVF funding. The current HNVF 2005-2006 recommendation would not require any nutrition service reduction from current levels. Actions to mitigate reduced funding in the future may include the allocation of other funds to selected HNVF sites, or the provision of transportation that will allow most seniors to be served. However, a number of seniors may still go unserved. The majority of the Senior Nutrition sites will continue with current operations, as they are County supported.

/s/

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Director of Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services

Attachment

SANTA CLARA COUNTY FUNDED SENIOR NUTRITION SITES

ASIAN AMERICANS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (AACI)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (12 noon) **Restaurant Catered**
2400 Moorpark Ave., Suite 300, San Jose 95128

ALMA SENIOR CENTER (City of San Jose)

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
136 W. Alma Ave., San Jose 95110

BERRYESSA COMMUNITY CENTER (City of San Jose)

Mon - Fri (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
3050 Berryessa Rd., San Jose 95132

CAMPBELL SENIOR CENTER (City of Campbell)

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Bateman Catered**
1 W. Campbell Ave., Campbell 95008

CUBBERLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Wednesday (11:45 am) **Catered by La Comida**
4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto 94306

CUPERTINO SENIOR DAY SERVICES (CSDS)

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Catered by West Valley**
20920 McClellan Rd., Cupertino 95130

EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER (Catholic Charities)

Mon - Fri (11:45 am) **Cook on Site**
2150 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose 95116

EVERGREEN COMMUNITY CENTER (City of San Jose)

Mon - Fri (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
4860 San Felipe Rd., San Jose 95135

GILROY SENIOR CENTER (Catholic Charities)

Monday - Friday (11:30am) **Cook on Site**
7371 Hanna St., Gilroy 95020

HANK LOPEZ SENIOR CENTER (City of San Jose)

Mon - Fri (12 noon) **Catered**
1694 Adrian Way, San Jose 95122

HOPE

Monday - Friday (11:45am) **Catered by Salvation Army**
1555 Parkmoor Ave., San Jose 95128

INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER AT SV

Wednesday & Friday (1:00 pm) **Restaurant Catered**
285 North Wolfe Road, Suite # 102, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER AT MILPITAS

Monday, Tuesday, & Friday (1:30 pm)
555 Los Coches St., Milpitas, CA 95035

IOLA WILLIAMS SENIOR PROGRAM (City of San Jose)

Mon - Fri (Mon-Thurs: 12 noon, Fri: 11:45am) **Catered by St. James**
2072 Lucretia Ave., San Jose 95122

JOHN 23RD MULTI-SERVICE CENTER (Catholic Charities)

Monday - Friday (11:30am) **Cook on Site**
195 E. San Fernando St., San Jose 95112

KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES (KACS) (at Sherman Oaks)

Monday-Friday (12 noon) **Restaurant Catered**
1800-B Fruitdale Ave., San Jose 95128

LIVE OAK ADULT DAY SERVICES

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Catered by Bateman**
111 Church St., Los Gatos 95030

LA COMIDA DE CALIFORNIA

Monday - Friday (11:30am) **Cook on Site**
450 Bryant St., Palo Alto 94301

LIVE OAK SENIOR NUTRITION AND SERVICE CENTER

Mon - Fri (12 noon) **Bateman Catered**
111 Church St., Los Gatos 95030

MILPITAS SENIOR CENTER (City of Milpitas)

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Bateman Catered**
540 South Abel Street., Milpitas, 95035

SANTA CLARA COUNTY FUNDED SENIOR NUTRITION SITES

MORGAN HILL SENIOR CENTER

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
17666 Crest Ave., Morgan Hill 95037

MOUNTAIN VIEW SENIOR CENTER

Mon - Fri (12noon) **Cook on Site**
266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View 94040

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER (City of San Jose Facility)

lunch: 11:30 am Sat – Sun **Catered**
488 N. 6th Street, SJ 05112

NORTHSIDE INDO-AMERICAN SENIOR PROGRAM (City of San Jose Facility)

Wednesday (12 noon) **Restaurant Catered**
488 N. 6th Street, SJ 95112

PORTUGUESE ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES (POSSO)

Mon, Tues, Thurs (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
1115 E. Santa Clara St., San Jose 95116

ST. JAMES SENIOR CENTER (City of San Jose)

Monday - Saturday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
199 N. 3rd St., San Jose 95112

SALVATION ARMY

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
359 N. 4th St., San Jose 95112

SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER

Mon - Fri (11:30am) **Bateman Catered**
969 Kiely Blvd. Santa Clara, 95051

SELF HELP FOR THE ELDERLY – Cupertino

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Restaurant Catered**
940 S. Stelling Road, Cupertino 95014

SELF HELP FOR THE ELDERLY (City of San Jose Facility)

Monday & Tuesday (12 noon) **Restaurant Catered**
199 N. 3rd St., San Jose 95112

SELF HELP FOR THE ELDERLY (City of San Jose Facility)

Wednesday (12 noon) & Friday (11:45am) **Restaurant Catered**
2072 Lucretia Ave., San Jose 95112

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CENTER (City of San Jose)

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
5585 Cottle Rd., San Jose 95123
Rebecca Williams 629-9606

STEVENSON HOUSE

Monday - Friday (11:30am) **Catered by La Comida**
455 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto 94306-4231

SUNNYVALE SENIOR CENTER (City of Sunnyvale)

Monday - Friday (11:30am) **Cook on Site**
535 Old San Francisco Rd., Sunnyvale 94086

WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
6191 Bollinger Rd., Cupertino 95014

WILLOWS SENIOR CENTER (City of San Jose)

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
2175 Lincoln Ave., San Jose 95125

YU AI KAI SENIOR CENTER

Monday - Friday (12 noon) **Cook on Site**
588 N. 4th St., San Jose 95112

